

UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Civil Action No.

11663 NMG

PETITION FOR HABEAS
CORPUS OF EDWARD A. GIVEN

AFFIDAVIT OF EDWARD A. GIVEN
~~MAGISTRATE JUDGE~~

I, Edward A. Given, state under the pains and penalties
of perjury that:

1. My name is Edward A. Given. I am the petitioner in
the above entitled action. I reside at the Massachusetts Treatment
Center at 30 Administration Rd., Bridgewater, MA 02324.

2. I am currently employed in the staff kitchen here at
the Massachusetts Treatment Center. I earn \$10 per week.
This is not enough money to adequately cover the cost of toiletries
and other necessities which are not supplied to me by the Massa-
chusetts Department of Correction. Even if I devoted my entire
earnings of \$10 per week to hiring a lawyer to represent me
in this petition, it would not be enough to pay an attorney.
I have no other assets of any kind.

3. I dropped out school in the tenth grade at Leominster
Trade High School. Since I have been incarcerated, I have earned
my G.E.D. and have taken a few courses at Mount Wachusett Commu-
nity College.

4. As the court can see from the outline of the legal
grounds for my petition contained in my motion for appointment
of counsel, the legal arguments in support of my petition are
quite complicated. In order to prepare this petition and the
motion for appointment of counsel I had to rely entirely on
the assistance of another inmate here at the Treatment Center.

I have read the petition and the motion for appointment of counsel. I understand generally what has been written, and I agree with it. But I do not have the education or skills to have done any of this myself, much less to provide the court with a full legal brief on these issues, particularly in opposition to the Commonwealth's skilled attorneys.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this third day of August, 2004.


Edward A. Given